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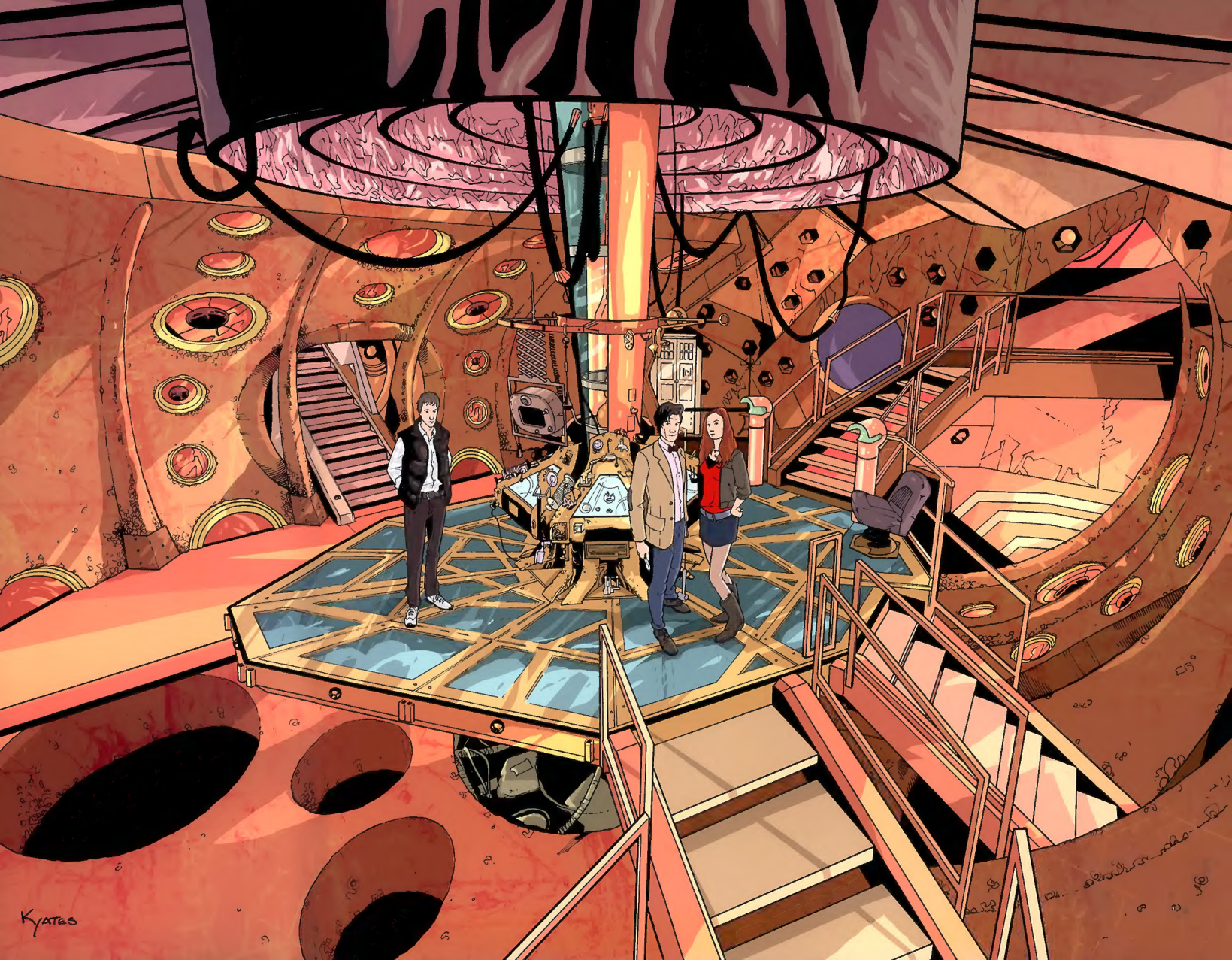
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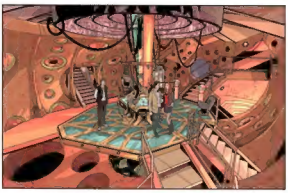

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ARE YOU HAPPY WITH THE TARDIS, DOCTOR? THESE OLD TYPE-40S OFTEN BREAK DOWN IN THE MOST INCONVENIENT PLACES.
WITH ZERO PERCENT FINANCE, WE CAN GIVE YOU A TOP OF THE LINE—
PERFECTLY HAPPY, THANK YOU.
I WILL HAXOR UR SYSTEM! WORSHIP MY HAXORIN SKILLZ!
PRRINGG
SORRY, TOO BUSY AT THE MOMENT.
I HAV3 SOFTWHR3 TO DOWNLOAD! ILL3GHL 70RR3NTS!
THAT'S NICE FOR YOU.
HELLO?
MAKE NEW FRIENDS ON THE TELEPHONE! JUST DIAL 0500-TIMELORD!
QUICK QUESTION: HOW EXACTLY DOES THIS THING WORK? I MEAN, I KNOW HOW A PHONE WORKS—
YOU! STAY RIGHT THERE!
WHAT? I ONLY—
—AH. THAT COULD BE A PROBLEM...

RORY WILLIAMS! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO THE TARDIS?
JOOR BANDWIDTH IS MY NOM NOM!
OBVIOUSLY YOUR REMAINING REGENERATIONS ARE AT RISK IF YOU NEGLECT TO MAKE PAYMENTS...
YOU HAVE BEEN INVITED TO THE EVENT 'UNIT CHRISTMAS BASH'. FIVE OF YOUR PREVIOUS COMPANIONS ARE INVITED. WOULD YOU LIKE TO ATTEND?

DOCTOR, I CAN EXPLAIN.
I'M SURE YOU CAN. SHALL I DO IT FOR YOU? YOU FOUND THE PHONE.
AH, YES, THE PHONE.
WELL, NOT EXACTLY—
MAGIC PHONE. CALLS ANYWHERE. IN YOUR HAND. LOTS OF BUTTONS YOU JUST WANT TO PRESS.
CAN ANYBODY EXPLAIN WHAT THIS IS?
OH, NO! YOU DON'T WANT TO BE PAYING YOUR CAR INSURANCE IN GALACTIC CREDITS!
AND WHAT ON EARTH IS THAT SUPPOSED TO BE?
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE TRYING TO RESOLVE A PROBLEM. WOULD YOU LIKE ASSISTANCE?
IT'S A FLOATING CARTOON STAPLER. I HAVE A FLOATING CARTOON STAPLER NOW, THANKS TO RORY.

WHAT. DID. YOU. DO?
WELL, FIRST OFF, I DIDN'T KNOW THAT THIS WAS GOING TO HAPPEN—
RORY FOUND THE PHONE! AND RATHER THAN DOING WHAT MOST PEOPLE WOULD DO, YOU KNOW, MAKE A PHONE CALL OR SOMETHING—
—HE WANTED TO SEE WHAT DATA PLAN IT HAD.
I WAS CURIOUS! I MEAN, A PHONE THAT CAN CALL ANY NUMBER AT ANY TIME? I JUST WANTED TO GO ONLINE!
WHY DID YOU WANT TO GO ONLINE?
I WANTED TO SEE IF ANYONE HAD POSTED UP PHOTOS OF THE WEDDING!
I SAID, WHY DID YOU WANT TO GO ONLINE?
I WANTED TO CHECK ON AUNTIE JANE! SHE HAD A SERIOUS MOMENT WHEN THE TARDIS APPEARED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SPEECHES!
I THINK WHAT AMY IS ASKING, RORY, IS WHY—ON A CRAFT THAT CAN TRAVEL THROUGH TIME AND SPACE—THAT CAN RETURN YOU TO THE VERY MOMENT YOU LEFT...
...WHY RIGHT NOW YOU WANTED TO CHECK YOUR EMAILS.
WELL, I—THAT IS YOU SEE—
—I WAS HOPING TO SEE NEXT MONDAY'S LOTTERY RESULTS EMAIL. I MEAN, WE'LL BE ARRIVING BACK THE MOMENT WE LEFT, WELL, EVENTUALLY...
...I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU WERE PROVIDED FOR, AMY. NOT MUCH, JUST ENOUGH FOR A HOUSE OR SOMETHING.
YOU IDIOT.
YOU STUPID, ROMANTIC, GORGEOUS IDIOT.

BUT HOW DID I CREATE THEM?
SIMPLE. THE PHONE IS LINKED TO THE TARDIS. AND THEREFORE TO THE TIME VORTEX. IF YOU'D SET IT UP RIGHT, YOU'D BE ABLE TO SEE EVERY EMAIL YOU'D EVER RECEIVE.
UNFORTUNATELY THE TARDIS ISN'T BUILT FOR THAT. NO FIREWALL, SO TO SPEAK.
SO EVERY SPAM EMAIL I EVER HAD IS NOW IN THE TARDIS.
GREAT. SO, HOW DO I FIX THIS?
YOU DON'T. THE TARDIS NEEDS TO SHUT DOWN, PURGE ITS SYSTEM. SHOULD TAKE ABOUT THREE HOURS.
THEN WHY IS IT SHUDDERING RIGHT NOW?
DIDN'T I MENTION? IT'S ALREADY SHUT DOWN. WE'RE ABOUT TO CRASH.
HOLD ON TIGHT!
HERE WE GO!
IF YOU SAY 'GERONIMO', DOCTOR, I WILL HURT YOU!

NOT A BAD LANDING. ANYTHING YOU CAN WALK AWAY FROM...
SO, WHAT NOW? WE HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL THE TARDIS WAKES UP?
PRETTY MUCH. THREE HOURS AND COUNTING. HOPEFULLY THERE'LL BE SOMETHING HERE TO DISTRACT US.
WHEREVER HERE IS.
YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE WE ARE?
YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO TALK.
ARE YOU THE DOCTOR? THANK GOODNESS YOU CAME!
YOU KNOW ME? INTERESTING. WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?
THE KING OF SECUNDA HAS PASSED AWAY, AND THE LOYAL SUBJECTS BELIEVE THAT IT WAS AN ASSASSINATION!
BUT LUCKILY THE LOYAL FORCES HID HIS MONEY—MILLIONS IN CREDITS ARE WAITING TO BE RETRIEVED! UNFORTUNATELY IT MUST BE AN OUTSIDER WHO DOES THIS.
IF YOU GIVE ME YOUR ACCOUNT DETAILS, I WILL SPLIT IT WITH YOU!
RORY? IT'S ANOTHER OF YOUR FRIENDS.
I'D LOVE TO HELP YOU. BIG FAN OF THE KING. SPEAK TO THE IDIOT THERE.

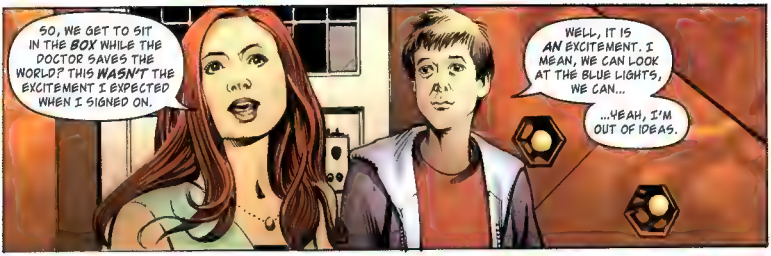
AHA! FINALLY WE MIGHT DISCOVER WHERE WE ARE!
VISITORS! WELCOME TO PHAYKE! I AM IMAGE, THE COUNCIL ELDER!
AH, PHAYKE, IS IT? I DID WONDER. I'M THE DOCTOR. THAT THERE IS AMY, AND NEXT TO HER IS RORY. IGNORE THE OTHERS.
WE HAVE NOT HAD—I'M SORRY, BUT WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
AH. THOUGHT AS MUCH. ANOTHER HOLOGRAM. SO WHAT IS IT THIS TIME? BATH TOWELS? LITTLE BLUE PILLS?
NOTHING OF THE SORT, DOCTOR! I AM INDEED A HARD-LIGHT HOLOGRAM, BUT I'M NOT ONE OF YOURS!
THERE ARE MANY OF US ON PHAYKE, A PLANET FILLED WITH HOLOGRAMS!
REALLY? SO, THAT'S WHY THE TARDIS BROUGHT US HERE!
IF YOU DON'T MIND, IMAGE, WE'RE KIND OF STUCK HERE FOR ABOUT THREE HOURS.
THREE HOURS? THAT IS A SHAME.
IT IS? WHY IS IT A SHAME?
BECAUSE IN AN HOUR, THEY WILL BE DESTROYING THIS PLANET.

THEY DON'T SEEM TO UNDERSTAND THE CONCEPT OF HOLOGRAMS. THEY WANT SLAVES, BUT NONE OF US CAN LEAVE THE PLANET. WE FADE AWAY AFTER A DAY OR SO, BEFORE RETURNING HERE.
WE CAN'T DO WHAT THEY WISH, SO THEY HAVE GIVEN US AN HOUR UNTIL THEY DESTROY US.
SCROUNGERS. I WAS HOPING I'D NEVER SEE THEM AGAIN.
INTERGALACTIC CHANCERS, ALWAYS LOOKING FOR THE NEXT CREDIT, ALWAYS LOOKING TO PULL A CON OR BLOW SOMETHING UP.
FIREPOWER AND STUPIDITY, THAT'S THEM.
AMY, TAKE RORY. GO BACK TO THE TARDIS AND WAIT FOR ME.
THE SCROUNGERS HAVE AN ANNOYING HABIT OF ACCIDENTALLY KIDNAPPING HUMANS AND TURNING THEM INTO SLAVES.
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE FORMING A PLAN! WOULD YOU LIKE ANY ASSISTANCE?
NO. GO BOTHER AMY AND RORY.

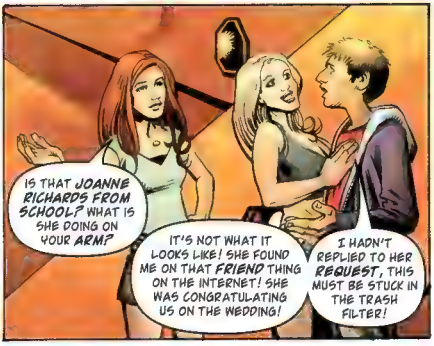
YOU SEEM TO BE HIDING IN THE TARDIS! WOULD YOU LIKE ANY ASSISTANCE?
THANK YOU, DOCTOR. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

QUICK, AMY, GET INSIDE. I HAVE A FEELING THAT THIS WHOLE PLANET IS A SPAM HOLOGRAM.
JUST LET ME IN, AND I'LL GET US OUT OF HERE.
LET YOU IN? WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR KEY?
FREE

HE DOESN'T HAVE ONE BECAUSE HE ISN'T THE DOCTOR. HE'S PHISHING SPAM. YOU KNOW, THE ONES THAT CONTACT YOU, PRETENDING TO BE YOUR BANK, NEEDING YOUR PASSWORD.
RORY! YOU HURT ME—
ACTUALLY, THAT'LL HURT YOU.
CLUNK
NO MATTER HOW GOOD IT LOOKS ON THE SURFACE, LOOK UNDERNEATH AND IT'LL ALWAYS LOOK FAKE.
NOW. TARDIS. YOU. IN.
ALL RIGHT! WE'RE GOING!


SO, WE GET TO SIT IN THE BOX WHILE THE DOCTOR SAVES THE WORLD? THIS WASN'T THE EXCITEMENT I EXPECTED WHEN I SIGNED ON.
WELL, IT IS AN EXCITEMENT. I MEAN, WE CAN LOOK AT THE BLUE LIGHTS, WE CAN...
...YEAH, I'M OUT OF IDEAS.

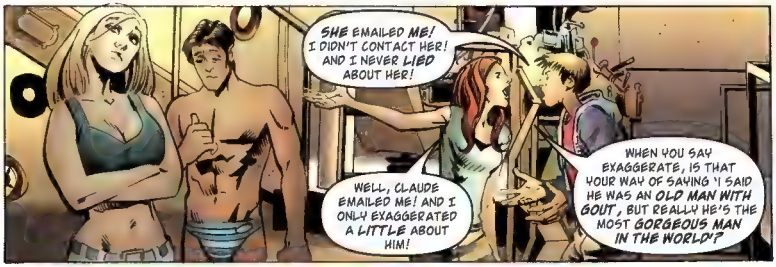
THERE YOU ARE, TIGER! YOU'VE BEEN AVOIDING ME! SHAME ON YOU!
AH! UM, JOANNE! UM...
...WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

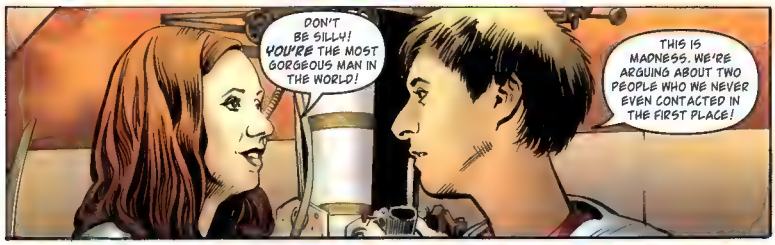

IS THAT JOANNE RICHARDS FROM SCHOOL? WHAT IS SHE DOING ON YOUR ARM?
IT'S NOT WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE! SHE FOUND ME ON THAT FRIEND THING ON THE INTERNET! SHE WAS CONGRATULATING US ON THE WEDDING!
I HADN'T REPLIED TO HER REQUEST, THIS MUST BE STUCK IN THE TRASH FILTER!

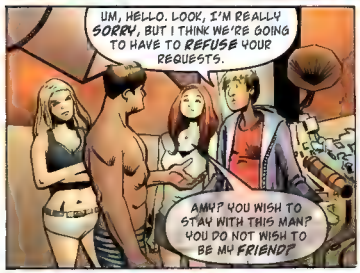
OH, WE SO NEED TO TALK WHEN WE GET OFF THIS PLANET.
AH, AMY! YOU LOOK AS GORGEOUS AS EVER!
OH GOD. HELLO, CLAUDE.

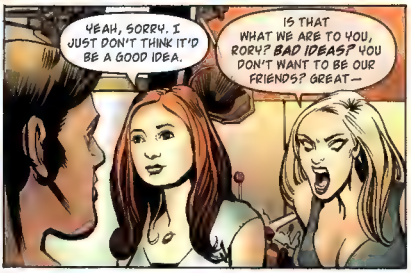
CLAUDE? THE SCUBA INSTRUCTOR FROM YOUR HEN WEEKEND? BUT YOU SAID HE WAS OLD!
WELL, WHAT ELSE WAS I GOING TO SAY? I DIDN'T REALISE THAT YOU WERE GOING TO RUN AWAY WITH GOLDILOCKS THERE!
AND I HADN'T CONFIRMED HIS CONNECTION REQUEST EITHER!

SO, HARD-LIGHT HOLOGRAM? THAT SOUNDS FUN.
I KNEW A HARD-LIGHT HOLOGRAM ONCE. BIT OF A JOBSWORTH.
WE ARE WHAT WE ARE MADE TO BE, DOCTOR. ONLY HERE CAN WE PROGRESS PAST OUR PROGRAMMING.
CAN I HELP YOU?
NOPE. JUST FOLLOWING YOU ABOUT.
WHY ARE YOU FOLLOWING ME?
OH, YOU KNOW, IN CASE YOU SAW SOMETHING FUNNY. THEN I'LL TELL ALL MY FRIENDS WHAT YOU SAY.
IF YOU FOLLOW ME, WE CAN FOLLOW EACH OTHER!
ISN'T THAT JUST WALKING AROUND IN CIRCLES?
YOU'RE A CELEBRITY! I'D BE SO COOL IF YOU WERE MY FRIEND!
THEN IT'S A SHAME I'M JUST GOING TO IGNORE YOU.
SO, WHAT HAPPENS NOW?
WELL, DOCTOR, THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SCROUNGERS IS DUE TO APPEAR ANY MINUTE NOW.
SLAMMM!
HERE THEY ARE NOW!
DOCTOR. I HAD HOPED IT WAS YOU.


SHE EMAILED ME! I DIDN'T CONTACT HER! AND I NEVER LIED ABOUT HER!
WELL, CLAUDE EMAILED ME! AND I ONLY EXAGGERATED A LITTLE ABOUT HIM!
WHEN YOU SAY EXAGGERATE, IS THAT YOUR WAY OF SAYING 'I SAID HE WAS AN OLD MAN WITH GOUT', BUT REALLY HE'S THE MOST GORGEOUS MAN IN THE WORLD'?


DON'T BE SILLY! YOU'RE THE MOST GORGEOUS MAN IN THE WORLD!
THIS IS MADNESS. WE'RE ARGUING ABOUT TWO PEOPLE WHO WE NEVER EVEN CONTACTED IN THE FIRST PLACE!


UM, HELLO. LOOK, I'M REALLY SORRY, BUT I THINK WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO REFUSE YOUR REQUESTS.
AMY? YOU WISH TO STAY WITH THIS MAN? YOU DO NOT WISH TO BE MY FRIEND?

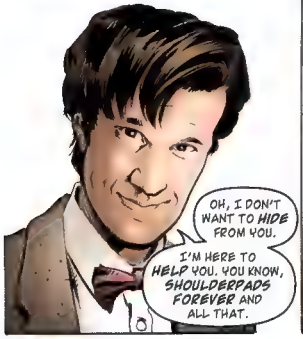

YEAH, SORRY. I JUST DON'T THINK IT'D BE A GOOD IDEA.
IS THAT WHAT WE ARE TO YOU, RORY? BAD IDEAS? YOU DON'T WANT TO BE OUR FRIENDS? GREAT—

—WE'LL JUST HAVE TO BLOCK YOU.
THAT DOESN'T SOUND GOOD.

FOR YEARS WE'VE WANTED TO MEET YOU. THE DESTROYER OF WORLDS—YOU'D MAKE A PRETTY PRICE ON OUR SLAVE BLOCK.
SORRY, DIFFERENT ME. I'M MORE THE STROKING KITTENS KIND. NOT THAT THERE ARE ANY KITTENS HERE, OF COURSE.
I MEAN, LOOK AT THIS! EVERYTHING IS A HOLOGRAM, NONE OF THIS IS REAL, AND YET YOU STILL WANT IT!
AND WHY NOT? THE SCROUNGERS DESERVE THIS! IF WE DON'T GET IT—WE BLOW IT UP!
YOU ARE AWESOME! I WOULD LIKE TO FOLLOW YOU!
SEE, DOCTOR?! EVEN THE INHABITANTS OF THE PLANET WANT US TO LEAD THEM!
NOW LISTEN HERE! I TOLD YOU LAST TIME—
BORED OF YOU!
TAKE THE DOCTOR! WE SHALL GAIN AT LEAST ONE THING BEFORE WE DESTROY THIS PLANET—
—WHERE DID THE DOCTOR GO?

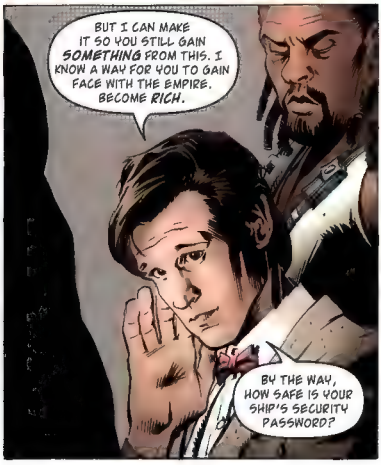
THEY HAVE RAY GUNS AND SWORDS. I HAVE A SONIC SCREWDRIVER, SOME STRING AND SOME—
~SNIFF~
YEAH, I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT IS.
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE HIDING FROM AN ANGRY ALIEN LUNCH MOB! DO YOU WANT ASSISTANCE?
NOT RIGHT NOW, THANK YOU! PLEASE GO AWAY!
HAHA! FORGET THAT, I DO NEED ASSISTANCE!
HERE'S WHAT I NEED...
FIND HIM! THE SENSOR SAYS HE'S STILL IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY!

AH, THERE YOU ARE! THOUGHT YOU'D WANDERED OFF!
DOCTOR! BAR US, YOU ARE THE ONLY LIFE FORM ON THIS PLANET! THERE IS NOWHERE TO HIDE!


OH, I DON'T WANT TO HIDE FROM YOU.
I'M HERE TO HELP YOU. YOU KNOW, SHOULDERPADS FOREVER AND ALL THAT.

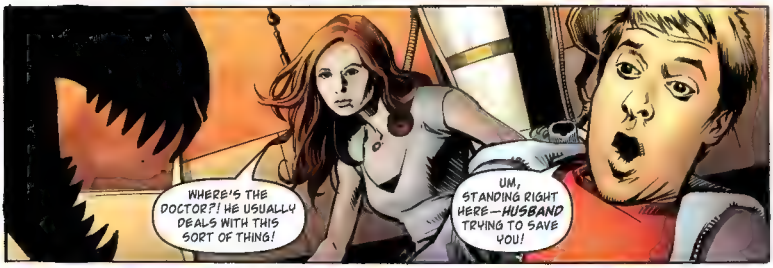
TAKE HIM! CAPTURE THE DOCTOR!
WELL DONE, YOU! YOU REALLY HAVE THOUGHT THIS ALL OUT!

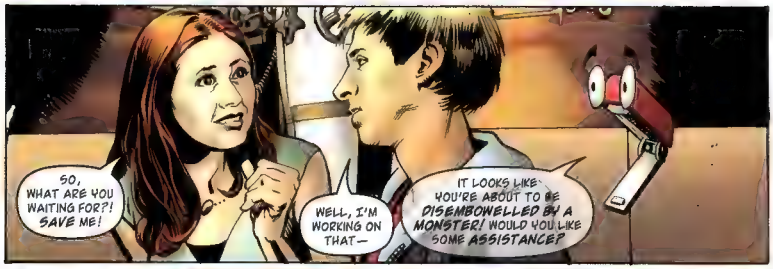
YOU SEE, THIS WHOLE PLANET? ONE BIG HOLOGRAM. YOU, ME, THE ONLY THINGS ALIVE ON IT.
NOW, THE INHABITANTS? THEY'RE NOT HAPPY ABOUT YOU. ALL THEY HAVE TO DO IS SWITCH OFF THE PLANET AND BOOM! WE'RE FLOATING IN DEEP SPACE.


BUT I CAN MAKE IT SO YOU STILL GAIN SOMETHING FROM THIS. I KNOW A WAY FOR YOU TO GAIN FACE WITH THE EMPIRE. BECOME RICH.
BY THE WAY, HOW SAFE IS YOUR SHIP'S SECURITY PASSWORD?

RORY! THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT! STOP THEM!
UM, CLAUDE? NOT MY FAULT?
HOLD ON. CLAUDE! HE DIDN'T EMAIL ME, HE CONTACTED YOU! SO WHY IS HE HERE...
...UNLESS YOU CHECKED YOUR EMAIL, TOO!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!
THIS COULD HAVE BEEN YOUR SPAM, TOO!
WELL, MAYBE I HAD ONE LITTLE LOOK—
CLASH
WILL YOU STOP THAT?! I'M TRYING TO SPEAK TO MY HUSBAND!
HUSBAND?
YOU'RE MARRIED?

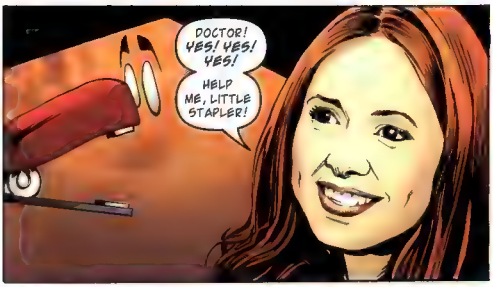
ARRRGHHHH!
WELL, HOW WAS I TO KNOW THAT THEY'D DO THAT? YOU SAID JOANNE KNEW ABOUT THE WEDDING!
JOANNE DOES! THAT'S NOT JOANNE!


WHERE'S THE DOCTOR?! HE USUALLY DEALS WITH THIS SORT OF THING!
UM, STANDING RIGHT HERE—HUSBAND TRYING TO SAVE YOU!


SO, WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?! SAVE ME!
WELL, I'M WORKING ON THAT—
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE ABOUT TO BE DISEMBOWELLED BY A MONSTER! WOULD YOU LIKE SOME ASSISTANCE?

NO! NO! NO, NO, NO!
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO SAY SO? NO!

ACTUALLY, I THINK THE ANSWER YOU SAY SHOULD BE 'YES'.

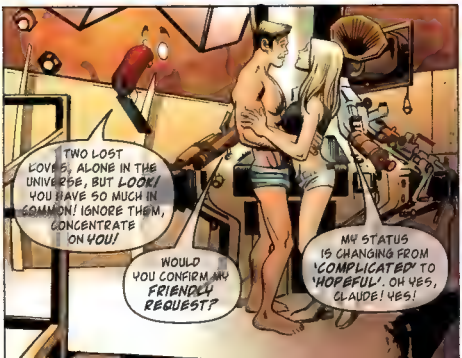

DOCTOR! YES! YES! YES!
HELP ME, LITTLE STAPLER!

OKIE-DOKIE! HERE WE GO!

CLAUDE! JOANNE! THESE TWO HUMANS HAVE TREATED YOU SO BADLY—THEY DIDN'T TELL YOU OF THEIR LOVE, THEIR MARRIAGE!

I DID TELL HIM! I MEAN, HE KNEW I WAS ON MY HEN WEEKEND!
AND JOANNE KNEW ABOUT IT WHEN SHE CONTACTED ME!

SHH! THIS IS THE GOOD BIT!
I DO LIKE A HAPPY ENDING.


TWO LOST LOVERS, ALONE IN THE UNIVERSE, BUT LOOK! YOU HAVE SO MUCH IN COMMON! IGNORE THEM, CONCENTRATE ON YOU!
WOULD YOU CONFIRM MY FRIENDLY REQUEST?
MY STATUS IS CHANGING FROM 'COMPLICATED' TO 'HOPEFUL'. OH YES, CLAUDE! YES!

AND 'FIN'! FADE OUT, BRING UP THE SOUNDTRACK!

I REALISED WHEN I WAS HIDING FROM THE SCROUNGERS, EVERY HOLOGRAM IN THE TARDIS WAS SPAM BASED, BUT THIS CHAP? HE WASN'T.
HE WAS LIKE ONE OF THOSE HELP MENUS IN A SOFTWARE PACKAGE. HE WASN'T SPAM, HE WAS SOMETHING ELSE.

THE ADVANTAGES OF BEING A HARD-LIGHT HOLOGRAM IS THAT YOU CAN BE MANY THINGS AT ONCE, DOCTOR.
WE SENSED YOUR PREDICAMENT AND SUGGESTED TO YOUR TARDIS THAT IT SHOULD COME HERE.
THE 'SPAM' EMAILS WON'T BE WIPED, THEY'LL BE GIVEN A CHANCE TO LIVE HERE, CHANGE THEIR WAYS.

WHAT ABOUT THE SCROUNGERS? THEIR BATTLECRUISER COULD DESTROY THIS PLANET!
OH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT THEM. THEY'RE HAVING A RATHER NICE CHAT WITH ME AND SOME FRIENDS RIGHT NOW.

UM, YOU? BUT YOU'RE HERE. AREN'T YOU?
AMY? HELP ME HERE?
THE PHISHING DOCTOR! THEY TOOK THE WRONG YOU!

WELL, THEY HAD SOME PERSUASION.
AND A FINANCIAL INCENTIVE TO DO SO.

LOOK! THEY'RE GOING! YOU DID IT, DOCTOR!
I CAN'T TAKE THE CREDIT TOTALLY FOR THIS ONE.
I HAD SOME, WELL, VISUAL AIDS TO ASSIST ME.
WE'RE INVITING YOU TO AN EVENT, OUR WEDDING! PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN OR CAN'T ATTEND OR DON'T KNOW!
AND WE'RE NOW FANS OF THE DOCTOR! THANK YOU!
CAN WE LEAVE YET? THIS IS REALLY TOO CREEPY.
NOT YET, YOU REALLY DID CAUSE THE TARDIS TO BLOW A FUSE. WE'RE HERE FOR A FEW MORE HOURS.
I JUST WANTED TO SEE WHO GOT KICKED OUT OF CELEBRITY HOUSE SHARE, OR WHATEVER IT'S CALLED.
THINK OF ATTENDING THIS WEDDING AS PENANCE, RORY. AND YOU, AMY, DON'T THINK I DIDN'T SEE YOUR EMAILS HERE, TOO!

THE SCROUNGER SHIP.
SCROUNGERS! YOU HAVE LEFT THE PLANET EMPTY-HANDED, BUT WITH THE PROMISE OF FAR GREATER RICHES!
THIS MAN HAS OVER 50 BILLION CREDITS THAT HE NEEDS TO GET OFF HIS PLANET, AND WOULD LIKE YOU TO HELP!
THIS MAN CAN GIVE YOU ZERO PERCENT FINANCE ON A BRAND-NEW SHIP!
AND THIS... DOG CAN INSURE IT FOR YOU!
HOORAAR!
TRUE WEALTH! I HAVE GIVEN OUR ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR THIS MONEY TO BE TRANSFERRED TO US!
AND THE DOCTOR HAS FOUND A FLAW IN OUR ACCOUNT SECURITY, AND HAS HELPED US CHANGE THE PASSWORD SETTINGS!

AND HE HAS GIVEN US A CRATE OF THESE BLUE PILLS! I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY ARE, BUT THEY'RE BLUE! AND WE OWN THEM!
WE RETURN HOME AS HEROES!
NEVER SHALL THE SCROUNGERS BE CALLED STUPID AGAIN!
NEXT: THE RIPPER'S CURSE!

DOCTOR WHO

IDW AND BBC PROUDLY PRESENT THE ADVENTURES OF THE DOCTOR

DOCTOR'S NOTES: DIAGNOSIS & SECOND OPINIONS

Welcome to the first issue of Doctor Who. Hope you enjoyed the last one.

What's that? "How can this be the first issue, if there was a previous one?" Easy answer for any Doctor Who fan: regeneration, the process by which Time Lords can renew themselves with a complete physical change.

The previous series chronicled the adventures of the tenth incarnation of the Doctor, as portrayed by **David Tennant**. At the end of Series 4, the Doctor regenerated once again, his new form being depicted by **Matt Smith**. And that brings us to Series 5 and this comic you're holding right now.

Also returning is writer **Tony Lee**. He survived death threats, numerous rewrites, and a surly editor during the first series, so he earned his keep.

And before we discuss what this new series holds, let's take a final look at the previous series with our No. 1 fan, Jeff Thompson:

Dear Denton and the Rest of the Who Crew,

Issue #16 represents the best of Doctor Who. A tight issue by Tony Lee, great art by Matthew Dow Smith, and a clever lead-in on the final pages to "The Waters of Mars" television episode. Hard to believe 16 issues have been published. Denton, you and your staff did a phenomenal job putting together this book. Thank you for the dedication, work, and efforts. It was appreciated.

As for the new series coming in January, I have a few thoughts and suggestions:

- I've always liked photo covers and I hope the new series will have its share (whether as a regular cover or as a retailer incentive cover).
- Would you consider including a DVD episode packaged with the comic? Or would the economics make this an impossibility?
- Back in the day when Valiant was starting up, they had coupons with the books. After collecting them and mailed in, you would get an incentive book. I wonder if something like this could be done to reward the loyal and regular readers?
- And finally, I've suggested this before but I feel this would be fantastic concept. A trading card set featuring the art of the series. Or better yet, a set featuring the seasons of David Tennant and Matt Smith. The closest thing out there is by Topps/Merlin, which does the gaming cards and stickers. But there has not been a legitimate card set in years and I think the fan base would be very receptive if done right. If manufacturing boxes is not possible, how about a small set of cards for insertion into the comics or for sale online through the IDW shop?

Looking forward to the new year, the new book, and all the surprises you have in store for us. See you in January.

All The Best,
Jeff Thompson

Thanks for the thoughts and suggestions, Jeff. We are looking into DVD opportunities, and coupons are another idea that has been discussed. Cards are out of the equation, since we hold the comic book license. But this series will have a photo cover for each issue, as well as a painted cover by the fantastic **Tommy Lee Edwards**, in a 50/50 split.

In addition to the regular covers, we have some special retailer incentive covers by some of comics' top talents: **Ben Templesmith**, **Chris Samnee**, and **Mark Buckingham**.

Not stopping there, we've pulled together a stellar line-up of interior artists. After this issue's turn by Andrew Currie, next up we have **Richard Piers Rayner** for a three-part arc involving Jack the Ripper! Richard is best known for his *Road to Perdition* with **Max Allan Collins**, which was made into a feature film by **Sam Mendes** and starring **Tom Hanks**. And then with issue #5, we'll have a special one-shot story drawn by Mr. Buckingham, featuring... Viking football!

But that's enough teasing for now. See you next month!

— Denton J. Tipton

ALSO THIS MONTH:

DOCTOR WHO, VOL. 3: FINAL SACRIFICE

COMING IN FEBRUARY:

DOCTOR WHO #2

COMING IN FEBRUARY:

DOCTOR WHO CLASSICS: THE SEVENTH DOCTOR #1

IDW WORDS
News from the nerve center of IDW Publishing

IDW PUBLISHING IN JANUARY: COUNTING DOWN

Musings & Hot Mustard from IDW's Director of Retail Marketing, Dirk Wood

Prevailing wisdom in the comic book industry has always maintained that January is slow. "Don't launch any big books," they say. "No one buys anything in January, they just read the self-help books they got for Christmas, and survive on Top Ramen and government cheese while they pay their credit card bills."

Well, we've got a response to that here at IDW, and that response is "Nonsense!" What better time than January to launch the biggest project in our history? Why not start 2011 with a bang instead of a whimper? After all, we're not in town to mess around, as they say.

So we're blowing the doors off January with *Infestation #1*! An event so huge, it's been a decade in the making. Zombies vs. *G.I. Joe*! Zombies vs. *Transformers*! Zombies vs. *Star Trek*! Zombies vs. *Ghostbusters*! Written by fan-favorites **Dan Abnett** and **Andy Lanning**, with art by **David Messina**, this launch issue sets the stage for an event they'll be talking about for the rest of the year.

Now *Infestation* is going to be a monster event to be sure, but that's not all we've got coming your way… heard of a little thing called *True Blood*? Our comic series based on the **HBO** show was of course one of our biggest hits of 2010, and before we launch the next arc in February, it's time to celebrate with the release of *True Blood #1: Legacy Edition*, containing the entire first issue, all four regular covers, and the first script! If you've ever been curious about the inner workings of a comic book, this is the book for you!

Looking for something a little more "indie?" We've got you covered there too… check out the new edition of **Sean Murphy**'s *Off-Road*, winner of a 2005 American Library Association award for young adults. If you're a fan of Sean's work on *Joe The Barbarian* then check out this great, offbeat autobiographical graphic novel!

Everybody knows that 3-D is hot right now, right? I know you're thinking movies: "But what about comics?" In Eisner Award-winner **Craig Yoe**'s new collection, *Amazing 3-D Comics*, he collects the best of the early 3-D stories and samples by artists like **Jack Kirby**, **Steve Ditko**, **Bob Powell**, **Al Jaffee**, **Russ Heath**, **Milt Stein**, **Alex Toth**, and many more… I just took off the 3-D glasses, and had to literally push my eyeballs back into my head. Fantastic stuff.

As you can see from the list below, that's just the beginning, folks. We're going big in January, we don't care what anybody says! See you back here in February, where things won't exactly be slowing down!

Ciao for now,

Dirk Wood
Director, Retail Marketing

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JANUARY RELEASES FROM IDW PUBLISHING

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